

2013 National Day of Service in Michigan Mini-Grant Calendar and Application Guidelines



The Michigan Community Service Commission, Michigan Nonprofit Association, Volunteer Centers of Michigan, The League Michigan, Michigan Campus Compact, with support from the Connect Michigan Alliance Endowment Fund, Sara Ballard Volunteer Fund, Youth Service America, and the Corporation for National and Community Service are awarding mini-grants to Michigan organizations who wish to host volunteer projects as part of the 2013 National Days of Service.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service- January 21, 2013

Oct. 1, 2012 Application Opens

Application Link - <http://www.cvent.com/d/3cqs9w>

Nov. 2, 2012 Applications Due

Nov. 15, 2012 Award Notification Available

Global Youth Service Days- April 26-28, 2013

Feb. 4, 2013 Application Opens

Application Link - <http://www.cvent.com/d/ccqxzh>

Mar. 4, 2013 Applications Due

Mar. 13, 2013 Award Notification Available

9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance- September 11, 2013

June 1, 2013 Application Opens

Application Link- <http://www.cvent.com/d/2cqxzj>

June 28, 2013 Applications Due

July 19, 2013 Award Notification Available



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Grant Amounts

Grants valued at up to \$500 are available and will be distributed based on the following scale:

- \$500- Engage 100 or more volunteers in project
- \$350- Engage at least 50 volunteers in project
- \$200- Engage at least 25 volunteers in project

Purpose

These grants are intended to encourage volunteer projects that address education, health, clean energy/environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, disaster preparedness, supporting veterans and military families, or public safety. Please note these funds are available solely to engage people in volunteer projects – not community engagement events (i.e. prayer breakfasts or educational marches).

Eligible Applicants

National service grantees, volunteer centers, nonprofits, K-12 and higher education institutions are eligible to apply.

Application

Complete the application available online. If a paper application is required, please email daysofservice@volunteermichigan.org. Applicants are encouraged to participate in one of the two informational grant webinars hosted for each day of service. Registration links are available on the application website.

Reporting Requirements

Grant recipients must complete a final report survey. A link to the final report survey will be provided to grantees after they have been awarded funds.

Other Grant Requirements

If approved, an organization representative will be required to participate in one webinar for the mini-grant recipients. Webinar registration information will be provided to the mini-grant recipients. Mini-grant recipients will be required to register the service project. Service project registration information will be provided during the mini-grant recipient webinars.

Funding Guidelines

Applicants are encouraged to consider the following:

- Funds must be used to support elements of a service project.
- Projects must focus on education, health, clean energy/environmental stewardship, economic opportunity, disaster preparedness, supporting veterans and military families, or public safety.
- Projects should demonstrate collaboration among multiple organizations such as higher education institutions, volunteer centers, youth service organizations, and/or national service programs.

Allowable Expenses

Mini-grant funds must be used to support essential volunteer project materials that correlate with the volunteer project activities outlined in the project description section of the application. Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to, the following items:

- Environmental clean-up supplies (ie. gloves, rakes, shovels)
- Building supplies (ie. lumber, nails, hammer)
- Educational supplies (ie. books, markers, scissors)

Applicants are encouraged to find alternate or match funding for supplemental items that are not essential to the success of the volunteer project such as snacks, t shirts, and water. Please use the budget explanation section of the application to clearly explain why the items listed in the budget are essential to the success of the community volunteer project.

Send questions to:

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